

Appl. No. 09/429,047

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed May 3, 2004. The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination. Claims 1, 14 and 19 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-13, 15-18 and 20 are allowed and pending.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 14 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Wirkestrand (WO 99/37073). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection, but further discussion of the rejection is moot based on the cancellation of claims 1, 14 and 19. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute these claims at a later time.

In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

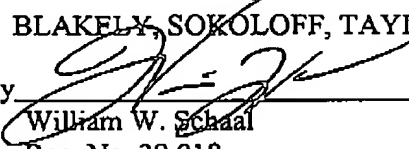
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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